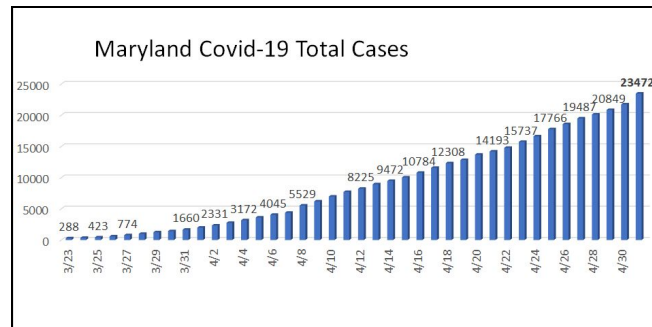
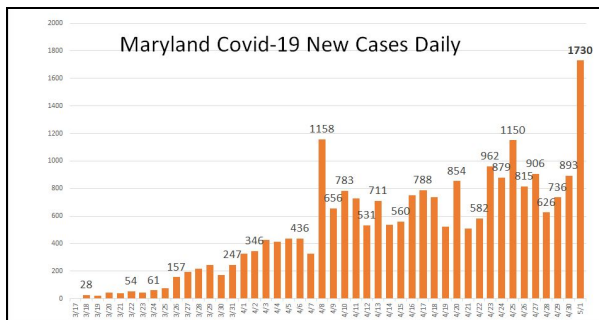
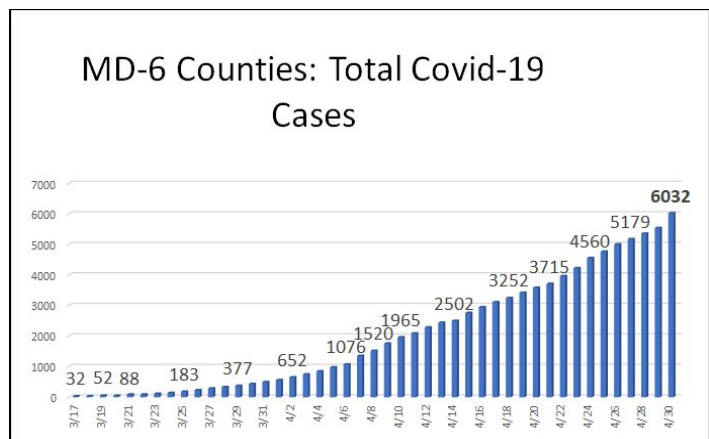
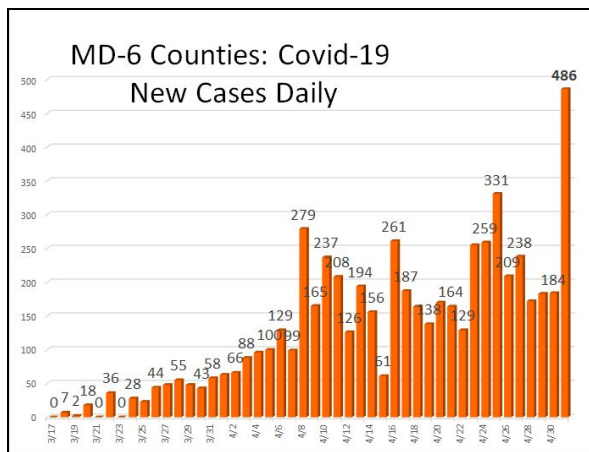
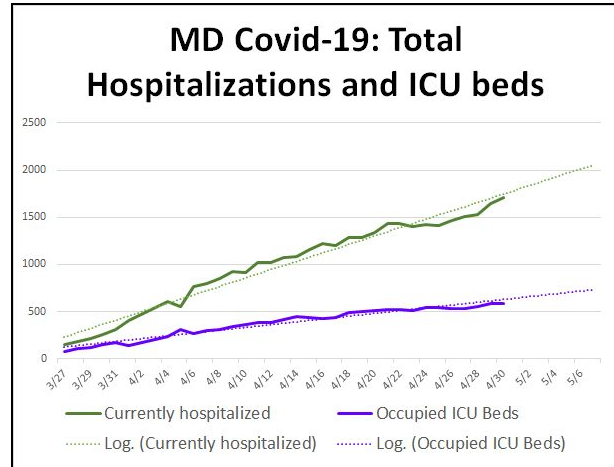
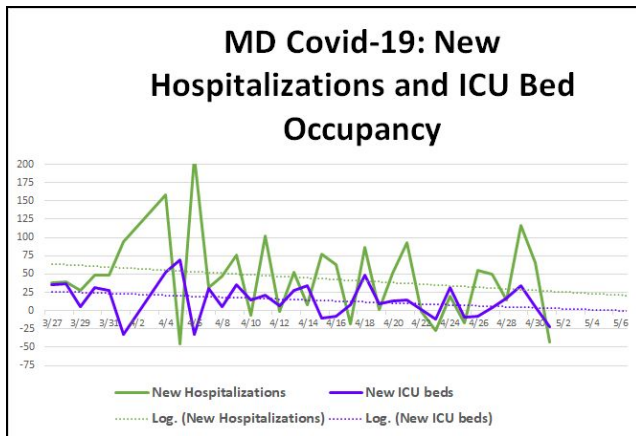


Daily Coronavirus Update: May 1, 5 PM Congressman David Trone (MD6)

Stats @ 5 PM

With increased testing capacity coming online in Maryland, Governor Larry Hogan will track trends in **hospitalizations** and **ICU beds** for indicators on when to initiate plans to reopen the state.



MD6 today: MoCo (4754), Fred.(942), Wash.(216), Allegany (118), Garrett (4). MD reports 1,098 total deaths ([MD Dept. of Health](#))..

As of 5 PM today, the United States had recorded 1,094,640 total confirmed cases and 63,324 deaths due to Coronavirus ([JHU](#)).

Federal Updates

- Federal stay-at-home guidelines expired yesterday when the President did not extend them. More than half of all states have relaxed their rules, or are considering doing so. As the number of confirmed cases and deaths attributed to COVID-19 continue to grow, many public health experts are concerned that these actions may result in new spikes and outbreaks. [The New York Times](#) and others have posted maps detailing state-by-state plans and actions.
- The Senate will return to session on Monday, May 4 at the direction of Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. [McConnell issued a statement today](#) backstopping his decision with advice provided by the Office of the Attending Physician. Earlier this week, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer announced that the House would not reconvene next week, also citing advice from the Attending Physician. The attending physician in Congress, Dr. Bryan Monahan, issued [these guidelines](#), which call for strict physical distancing, screening of visitors, limits on visitors, and daily self-screening. The Senate is expected to consider federal nominations, and other routine business.
- This week, the [Census Bureau](#) started sending reminder cards to households that have not responded to the 2020 Census online. Just over half of all households have completed the survey online. Because of COVID-19, in-person outreach scheduled to begin this month has been postponed until August, and the final Census report has been postponed from 31 December 2020 to 30 April, 2021. Census data impacts communities for the next decade and is used to determine congressional representation and as a basis for hundreds of billions in annual federal funding allocations.
- There are **4,914 known COVID-19 cases** and 20 deaths among U.S. workers at 115 meat and poultry processing facilities reported by 19 states, according to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) issued today. Noting that there are about 130,000 total workers reported at these facilities and about 500,000 employees in meat and poultry processing facilities nationwide, the CDC caveats that that data should not be interpreted as reflective of prevalence across the entire industry. CDC suggests that improving physical distancing, hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfection and medical leave policies, as well as providing educational materials in languages spoken by workers might help reduce COVID-19 in these settings and help preserve the function of this critical infrastructure industry.

Maryland Updates

- Issuing an update on COVID-19 outbreaks in Delmarva poultry plants, Governor Larry Hogan today said there are at least 279 confirmed cases of COVID-19 associated with poultry workers. State and local health officials are working with the CDC on a comprehensive public health plan for the area, and have launched a new testing site at Perdue Stadium in Salisbury and a community testing site in Caroline County. MD is coordinating with Delaware and Virginia in a tri-state, multi-agency response.
- FEMA Region III announced today that two systems capable of decontaminating up to 80,000 N95 masks/day are now operational – one in Baltimore, another in the District of Columbia. These “Critical Care Decontamination Systems” (CCDS), manufactured by Battelle, will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and have capacity to serve 22 hospitals within the DC, MD and VA area. (FEMA Region III encompasses DE, DC, PA, MD, VA and WV.)

District Updates

- Montgomery County
 - a. As of Friday, the Maryland Department of Health reports 4,754 cases of COVID-19 in Montgomery County, which is an increase of 454 cases from 4,300 reported Thursday. This is the largest increase in cases in a 24 hour period since the start of the outbreak. The health department reports that 236

county residents have died from COVID-19. This is an increase of seven deaths since Thursday. The number of probable deaths is 26. There are 1,203 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in residents and staff of senior living facilities and 164 deaths in the county.

- Frederick County
 - a. Despite the economic impact of the coronavirus, a roughly \$9.1 million increase in income tax revenue is projected for fiscal year 2021, county officials told the County Council Thursday. Chief Administrative Officer Rick Harcum said the roughly four percent increase in income tax over last year might seem overly-optimistic, but added county officials were anticipating much more in income tax revenue before the coronavirus pandemic hit.
 - b. A man in his 20s is the youngest Frederick County resident to die from COVID-19. The man's death is the 60th for the county and comes as Maryland exceeds 1,000 deaths from the disease caused by SARS-CoV-2.
 - c. The City of Frederick Parks and Recreation is shifting its use of parks during this pandemic to support two local nonprofits in their COVID-19 response efforts. Beginning Monday, May 4, twelve city parks will act as distribution locations for City Youth Matrix and I Believe in Me's School Buckets.
- Washington County
 - a. Two more Washington County residents have died from COVID-19 and a second person in Berkeley County in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle has succumbed to the disease, authorities said Thursday. The two additional deaths in Washington County, bringing the county total to five, were reported in an afternoon update Thursday from the county's COVID-19 Joint Information Center, which consists of representatives from Washington County and Hagerstown governments, the health department, sheriff's office, Washington County Public Schools, Meritus Health, Washington County Chamber of Commerce and Hagerstown Community College. Center spokeswoman Danielle Weaver said the two individuals were women in their 80s with underlying medical conditions.
 - b. Nearly 90 workers at an Outback Steakhouse on Railway Lane face reduced work hours as a part of work-hour reductions at Outback Steakhouse restaurants and related eateries across Maryland, according to state data and a company spokeswoman. A total of 87 workers at the Outback Steakhouse at 240 Railway Lane are facing work-hour reductions, according to Elizabeth Watts, director of media and community relations for Bloomin' Brands Inc.
- Allegany County
 - a. An eighth Allegany County resident has died of complications from COVID-19, health officials said Thursday. The woman was a former county resident who was living in a health care facility in another county, according to a news release issued by the Allegany County Health Department. The release gave no other information about the woman, nor identified the county or facility where she lived. The county's COVID-19 deaths include four residents of the Cumberland Healthcare Center, two community members and two former residents living in out-of-county nursing homes. Cases of the new coronavirus across the county remained at 122 on Thursday, health officials said. They include 74 residents and 18 staff members of the Cumberland Healthcare Center.
- Garrett County
 - a. The County Emergency Management Office has asked Garrett County Community Action Committee to take a lead role for Garrett County in coordinating donations. This will include cash, food and household items, volunteer services, transportation, masks, and specific needs associated with COVID-19.
 - b. Garrett County Public Schools has announced that it has partnered with Garrett College to create a Wi-Fi hotspot on the Garrett College campus, centrally located in Garrett County. As with all GCPS schools, the Wi-Fi hotspot is "GCPSOpenWiFi" and can be accessed from Lot B, in front of building 600 at the Garrett College McHenry campus.